

Hohenfels Hometown Happenings

Dec.16, 2009

Community Holiday Concert

Dec. 17: U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels and the Joint Multinational Readiness Center will host a Community Holiday Concert featuring the United States Army Europe Band and Soldiers' Chorus at 6 p.m. in the Post Gym. Parking will be available in the parking lots near Bldg. 1, the Health Clinic and the Community Bank. A shuttle service will be available from the parking areas to the Post Gym and return. The Band and the Soldiers' Chorus is currently the Army's third largest musical organization, the biggest outside of the United States, and the Army's premier musical ambassadors in Europe. The USAREUR Band as a whole performs more than 200 times each year, and has appeared in more than 20 European and Middle Eastern countries from Russia to Iraq. For more information about the band, check out their website at www.band.hqusareur.army.mil.

Holiday mailing deadlines

Dec. 18: The deadline to send Express mail to ensure that it is received in the United States before Christmas. For more information call Walter Knight at DSN 466-2887.

Nuremberg Christmas Market

Dec. 19: Outdoor Recreation will take a bus to visit the Nuremberg Christmas Market. The bus will depart Bldg. H15/ODR at 8:30 a.m. and will return around 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information call DSN 466-2060.

JMRC Volunteer of the month

Volunteer of the month is a new program to recognize a new volunteer each month. The first Joint Multinational Readiness Center Volunteer of the month for November is Hannah Napier from Company D, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment. Nominations for the month of November were Caitlin Bell from Company A, 1st Military Intelligence Battalion, AmyBeth Gomez from Co. B, 1-4 Inf., Cecilia Ramos from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1-4 Inf., Kerrie Arcand from the Timberwolves, Tammy Koepke from Co. A, 1-4 Inf., Ingrun Mann from the Vampires, Maj. Jason Merhag from the Minutemen, Sgt. 1st Class Pedro Herrera from the Falcons, Tammy Start from Hohenfels Girl Scouts and Whitney Robinson from Co. C, 1-4 Inf.

Closures for the Holiday Season

[For a list of closures](#)

USAG Hohenfels

Fence construction work at playground in Keltenwall Village

Through Dec. 17: Fence construction work will take place at the playground in the Keltenwall Village between Bldg. 756 and Bldg. 760.

Town Hall meeting

Jan. 6: The Hohenfels community is invited to the Town Hall meeting at 5 p.m. in the Community Activities Center.

Emergency Taxi ride home service

Keeping alcohol-impaired drivers off the road is one key factor in reducing the potential for motor vehicle accidents. With the upcoming abundance of festivals and holiday parties, you are urged to plan ahead and always have a designated driver or to use the public transportation system. USAG Hohenfels has arranged with a local taxi service to provide emergency transportation home to all U.S. Military I.D. holders, including civilian employees, for any reason. If you need an emergency ride back to your home, call the Installation Operations Center at 09472-83-2819. Your name, unit and location will be verified and a taxi dispatched. If you are unable to pay for the taxi, payment will be made from the IOC Taxi Cash Fund. The IOC requests that you repay the taxi cost at your earliest convenience in order to replenish the funds for use by your fellow Soldiers. The IOC office is located in Bldg. 309.

Winter tires

All vehicles registered on post are required to have winter tires installed (marked Mud and Snow/M&S). In addition, be sure that your vehicle has plenty of windshield washer fluid, an ice scraper and the following important phone numbers: ADAC emergency car repair 0180-2222222, Polizei number 110, ambulance number 19222, Hohenfels Military Police emergency phones 09472-83-114 and Fire Dept 117. For the Hohenfels Emergency Taxi-Ride home call Garrison IOC phone 09472-83-2819.

Army Community Service

Becoming Credit Worthy

Dec. 16: Learn what credit reports are and what you need to do to repair your bad credit. You will also get some valuable identity theft prevention tips. Negative credit issues aren't just going to go away. Find out the best ways to fix negative credit issues as you join the group from 3-5 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 10. For more information call ACS at DSN 466-4860.

Final call for ACS Community Needs Survey

Dec. 17-18: The Community Needs Survey is coming to an end. A final push is now being made to encourage the return of over 900 hard copies of the survey currently circulating in the community. All adult members of the community are urged to complete the ten minute survey, however a particular need are surveys from spouses. As an added incentive, ACS volunteers will be at the Java Café on Dec 17-18, from 8-10 a.m., with a free cup of coffee and a grab-bag gift for any spouse or Soldier that returns a completed survey, or provides proof of completing the survey online. If the survey is completed online, print the screen prior to closing the page. Completed surveys can also be returned to the ACS Front Desk during these days and you will receive a grab bag gift. The online survey can be found at www.myarmyonesource.com/survey_USAGHohenfels. This survey is an important tool to assist ACS and other agencies in identifying and meeting the needs that exist in the USAG Hohenfels community. For more information call Kurt Rager at DSN 466-3403.

Early Pregnancy Awareness, special Saturday session

Dec. 19: Informative session for those newly pregnant moms and dads. The workshop will cover nutrition, danger signs, exercise, important pregnancy wellness habits and a whole lot more. Get your questions answered from 9 a.m. to noon at ACS, Bldg. 10. For more information call Nicole Ceterski, New Parent Support Program coordinator, at DSN 466-4323.

Nutrition workshop

Jan. 5: WIC Overseas will offer a Nutrition workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 10, Rm. 121. This month's workshop will help you find ways to "Fuel Your Body for a Healthier You" by providing information to assess your current dietary practices as well as set a personal goal towards a healthier lifestyle. WIC Overseas is a supplemental food and nutrition education program for pregnant, post-partum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children age 5 and younger. For more information call DSN 466-4601.

AFAP is Coming

Feb. 17-19: Army Family Action Plan, AFAP, is a brilliant way to get good ideas from the community for improving programs, organizations and services in Hohenfels. AFAP is input from the people of Hohenfels to Army leadership in Hohenfels, at IMCOM and beyond. It's a process that lets Soldiers and Families say what's working and what isn't and what you think will fix it. It alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas of concern that need their attention and it gives them the opportunity to put plans into place to work towards resolving the issues.

Army Community Service Workshops for the Week

Check out what's going on at ACS. For more information call DSN 466-4860.

Victim advocate available 24/7

Spouse or sexual abuse is behavior not consistent with Army values. If an incident occurs, you have 24/7 assistance. Call 0162-296-1075.

How to be a great parent

The New Parent Support Program, NPSP, has a mission to provide you the best information, guidance and tips to be great parents. It's only natural for expecting parents to be excited and apprehensive about such a big change in their lives. The NPSP staff will come right to your home to help you understand what is happening and what will happen after the birth. Whether this is your first or not, it is so easy to be overwhelmed. For more information call DSN 466-4323.

Military OneSource Website

If you haven't taken a look at this remarkably inclusive website, you are missing out on a lot of valuable and timely information. It is ideal for Soldiers, Family members and anyone connected with the military. With round-the-clock availability of real people to talk to as well as extensive written information, Military OneSource offers information on personal counseling, financial counseling, income tax, deployment questions, educational concerns of any kind, parenting issues, career development, adoption and much more. For more information go to www.militaryonesource.com or call 001-800-342-9647 or overseas collect at 001-484-530-5908. For collect calls contact an international operator first.

Military and Family Life Consultants

Military and Family Life consultants are licensed psychologists and social workers who rotate from the states in four to six week tours to talk one on one about what's bothering you. Absolutely no names or

records are kept. It is all about aiming you in the right direction; no issue is too big or too small. These are free and fully confidential discussions. For an appointment, contact them directly on their cell phones at 01522-422-1454 or 0150-449-5704. Suspected harm to self or others will be reported to the appropriate agency.

Volunteer at ACS

Army Community Service Information and Referral Program is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in this special opportunity that will allow you to learn about and support the programs and services at ACS, call Twanna Ivey at DSN 466-4860. Childcare benefits are available.

Checkout the December Community Directory online

It's been a big month with at least 25 new updates to the Community Directory. Get a fresh copy or download. Go to www.hohenfels.army.mil. On the first page near the top you will find a phone book icon. Hit that and then hit Hohenfels. Keep it on your desktop for immediate access with a search mechanism. If you notice something that needs to be updated, call ACS at DSN 466-4860.

What's happening at ACS

The monthly ACS Workshop calendar is always available for your review on the garrison website at www.hohenfels.army.mil. Find the ACS logo and click. Expand your horizons by attending a new workshop every month.

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Snowshoe Night Hike

Jan. 9: Outdoor Recreation will go on a Snowshoe Night Hike at the Neuburg am Inn. The bus will leave from ODR, Bldg. H15, at 4:30 p.m. and will return around midnight. The cost is \$80 per person. Price includes transportation, equipment and tour. Seating is limited to the first 14 customers. For more information call DSN 466-2060.

One day shopping trip to Ramstein

Jan. 9: Outdoor Recreation will go on a one day shopping trip at Ramstein. The bus will depart ODR, Bldg. H15, at 7 a.m. and will return around 10 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person and seating is limited to the first 50 people. For more information or to sign-up call DSN 466-2060.

Texas Hold'em, Bunco

Jan. 15: The Hohenfels community is invited to enjoy themselves in either game. Texas Hold'em registration fee is \$25, which includes a light buffet. Bunco registration fee is \$10 which includes a light buffet. Doors will open at the Zone at 5:30 p.m. and the games will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call DSN 466-2060.

One day shopping trip to Bodenmais

Jan. 16: Outdoor Recreation will go on a one day shopping trip to Bodenmais. The bus will leave ODR, Bldg. H15, at 7:30 a.m. and will return around 8 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and includes transportation to and from Bodenmais as well as a guided tour. Seating is limited to the first 50 people. For more information or to sign-up call DSN 466-2060.

One day ski trip

Jan. 16: Outdoor Recreation will go on a one day ski trip to Reit im Winkle. The bus will leave ODR, Bldg. H15 at 5 a.m. and will return around 9:30 p.m. For more information or to sign-up call DSN 466-2060.

Sports and Fitness

Women's locker room in Post Gym closed

Through Dec. 18: The women's locker room in the Post Gym, Bldg. 88, will be closed for repair of the Sauna. An alternative locker room will be available for female use.

Post Gym closed for Christmas Concert

Dec. 17: The Post Gym, Bldg. 88, will close at 3:30 p.m. in support of the USAREUR Band Holiday Concert. The concert is free of charge and will begin at 6 p.m. The community is invited to come and enjoy the show.

Fitness Classes

Monday: Body Combat at 10 a.m. / Zumba at 4:30 p.m. / Yoga Basics at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Zumba at 10 a.m. / Spinning at 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Body Combat at 10 a.m. / Zumba at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: Zumba at 10 a.m. / Spinning at 4 p.m. / Haidung Gumdo at 5:30 p.m.

Friday: Body Combat at 10 a.m. / Zumba at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Fitness Classes will not be held.

MWR Sports and Fitness has a great line-up of fitness professionals and fitness classes to help you meet your fitness goals. All classes last for one hour, and take place in the newly renovated Post Gym, Bldg. 88. For more information about class fees, call the Post Gym at DSN 466-2883 or print out a monthly Fitness Calendar at www.hohenfels.army.mil/sites/directorates/mwrorg.asp#sport.

Post Gym operating hours

Normal operating hours for the Post Gym are Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends and U.S. Holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and USAREUR Training Holidays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Massage gift certificates available for purchase at Post Gym

Massage gift certificates are now available for purchase at the Post Gym, Bldg. 88. Gift Certificates are available for 60 minute, 30 minute, and 15 minute (chair) massages. Credit cards are accepted. For more information call DSN 466-2883/2726.

Massage services

Massage services are available at the Post Gym, Bldg. 88. For more information or to make your reservation, stop by the Post Gym or call DSN 466-2883/2726.

Lane 17 Bowling Center

Watch football at Lane 17

Dec. 20: NFL football games broadcast on AFN will be shown at the bowling center every Sunday at 7 p.m. Watch football on multiple televisions including two projections screens. Bowling is \$1.50 per game for adults and \$0.80 per game for children ages 12 and younger. Shoe rental is included.

Extreme Bowl Your Brains Out

Every Saturday: Bowl Your Brains Out with an Extreme Bowling twist every Saturday from 8-11 p.m. Bowl as many games as you want for just \$10 for adults and \$7 for children ages 12 and younger.

Family Bowling

Every Sunday: Family Bowling will take place every Sunday from 3-9 p.m. Bowling is \$1.50 per game for adults and \$0.80 per game for children ages 12 and younger. Shoe rental is included.

Bowl Your Brains Out

Every Monday: Bowl Your Brains Out at Lane 17 every Monday from 5-9 p.m. Bowl as many games as you want for just \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and younger. Shoe rental is included. For more information call Lane 17 Bowling Center at DSN 466-4611.

Child, Youth and School Services

Drum lessons

Through Dec. 28: Private and group drum lessons are available for youth ages 6-18. Registration is open at CLEOS through Dec. 28. Spaces are limited. For more information call the Central Registration office at DSN 466-2078/2080.

Deadline to sign-up youth to go Ice Skating

Dec. 19: All CYSS registered youth in grades 7-12 are encouraged to join the Youth Programs trip to an ice rink to ring in the winter season. Youth should bring Euros for the entrance fee and skate rental. Permission slip is required. For more information call DSN 466-4492 or stop by Bldg. 72 to sign up. The deadline to sign-up is Dec. 17 or until spaces are filled.

Last Minute Holiday Shopping trip for Youth

Dec. 21: Child, Youth and School Services will host a Last Minute Holiday Shopping trip to Grafenwoehr. Youth will enjoy a day of food, fun and shopping as they hunt down those last minute gifts before the holidays. The trip is free and a permission slip is required. Bring money for food and shopping. For more information call the Youth Programs Office at DSN 466-4492 or stop by Bldg. 72. The deadline to sign-up is Dec. 18 or until spaces are filled. The trip is open to all CYSS registered youth grades 7-12.

Holiday dinner for youth, parents, siblings

Dec. 23: Child, Youth and School Services will host a holiday dinner and celebration in the Youth Center, Bldg. 72, for youth in grades 7-12, parents and siblings. The holiday celebration will take place from noon to 4 p.m. For more information call DSN 466-4492 or stop by Bldg. 72.

Family Child Care providers needed

CYSS is currently looking for Family Child Care, FCC, providers to care for children and youth in a home setting. FCC providers are able to earn an income while maintaining a happy home-away-from-home atmosphere for children who cannot be with their own parents during the day. If you are interested call DSN 466-4031/2479 or stop by the Family Child Care office in Bldg. 44.

Turnbull Memorial Library

Hohenfels Library, new hours

Effective Jan. 2: The Hohenfels Library will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will be open Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and American holidays.

Regular story time cancelled for month of December

Tuesdays, Thursdays: Regular Tuesday and Thursday story time is cancelled for the month of December. For more information call DSN 466-1740.

New titles at the Hohenfels Library

The Turnbull Memorial Library has received several new books for everyone in the family including books in the categories Adult Fiction, Adult Non-Fiction, Teen Fiction and Juvenile Fiction. Some books include Hollywood Moon by Joseph Wambaugh, The Book of Basketball by Bill Simmons, Fetch by Laura Whitcomb, and January's Sparrow by Patricia Pollacco. Stop by the library for great ideas for reading over the holidays. Visit the library and find out how you can be empowered to make your own requests and renew your own items online. For more information about the new books the library has received call DSN 466-1740.

Chaplain's Office

Club Beyond High School events, grades 9-12

Dec. 16: The last High School Club of the semester will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. in Bldg. 743, located across from the commissary. Dinner is provided. Club Beyond is a chapel-sponsored youth program that serves the teens of the Hohenfels community. For more information call Jeffrey Bellard at DSN 466-4793 or email Jeffrey.bellard@eur.army.mil.

Angel Tree Project

Through Dec. 18: Military Council of Catholic Women, MCCW, and Protestant Women of the Chapel, PWOC, are joining together for an Angel Tree project. If you would like to support the Parsberg Kinderheim, stop by either the Main Post Chapel or the Nainhof Chapel and take an angel from the tree. Sign the list next to the tree to let the staff at the Chapel know who has which angel. Wrapped gifts should be dropped off at either chapel with the angel you took from the tree taped to the top of the gift. The Chapel staff would like to thank the Hohenfels community for your support of our host country and children in need this Christmas season. For more information call Lisa Fisher at DSN 466-2226.

Deployed Spouses Luncheon

Dec. 17: Past, present, and future deployed spouses are welcome to join the Family Life Center staff at the Hilltop Reception Center for a deployed spouses luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Free lunch and free childcare for children 5 and younger will be provided. Come and hear guest speaker Christine

Pongratz, L.C.S.W., talk about growth during deployment and how to explore ways to enhance your relationship. For more information call Angel Dilmore at DSN 466-3473.

Military Council of Catholic Women Bible Study

Dec. 17: Military Council of Catholic Women Bible Study will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Mass followed by the annual cookie exchange. Bring your recipe to share. This week's Bible Study will continue with Lesson 4 of Courageous Virtue. Child care is available from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information contact Natalie Cannata at gregnatalie4@aol.com.

Club Beyond Middle School events, grades 7-8

Dec. 17: The last Middle School Club of the semester will take place from 3-4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 743, located across from the commissary. Snacks are provided. Club Beyond is a chapel-sponsored youth program that serves the teens of the Hohenfels community. For more information call Jeffrey Bellard at DSN 466-4793 or email Jeffrey.bellard@eur.army.mil.

Catholic Mass schedule during block leave

Dec. 20: Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 24: Vigil Mass will be held at 6 p.m. Watch Care will not be provided.

Dec. 25: Mass will not be held.

Dec. 26: Vigil Mass will be held at 5 p.m.

Dec. 31: Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation at 5 p.m.

Jan. 1: Mass will not be held.

Jan. 3: Mass at 9:30 a.m.

All Masses will take place at the Main Post Chapel. There will be no Watch Care for Masses from Dec. 20-31. For more information call Lisa Fisher at DSN 466-2226.

Non-denominational Christian children's ministry

Dec. 22: AWANA will not be held.

Dec. 29: AWANA will not be held.

AWANA is a worldwide, non-denominational Christian children's ministry for children grade K-6. Join other AWANA members for Bible stories, music and games every Tuesday from 3-4:45 p.m. For information on how to register your children call Betsy or Jason Meharg at 09492-601831 or betsymeharg@yahoo.com or Jason.meharg@us.army.mil.

Directorate of Public Works

Exterior water faucets will be shut-off

Through spring: By Dec. 31, Housing Maintenance, the Hausmeister, will shut off the exterior water faucets at living quarters in Grossbissendorf on Regenbogenstrasse 2-78, Goldackerstrasse 1-15, Lerchenweg 3-21, and Am Frauenboden 8-10A. Water faucets will also be turned off in Hohenfels on Sonnestrasse 62-88, and Asamstrasse 36-43. Prior to the visit, flyers will be distributed indicating date and time.

Boot wash systems turned off in facilities

Through spring: All boot systems in facilities are deactivated until warmer weather.

Electric meter reading in leased housing areas

Through March 2010: The annual electric meter reading will be conducted by Michaela Liebl and her son, Alfred Liebl, at all leased housing areas. Upon request, identification can be shown by showing their personal ID. For more information call the Housing Office at DSN 466-2864.

Christmas Tree disposal

All on-post and off-post residents may bring their Christmas trees to the Sort Facility located behind the Garrison Dining Facility. Trees should be placed in the garden waste bin. There is no charge for tree disposal. When you dispose of your tree remove all ornaments, tinsel and other decorations. Trees with any decorations on them will not be accepted at the Sort Facility, off-post recycling centers or composting facilities. Trees should not be placed in or near regular trash dumpsters located around post. For more information and to learn about options for tree disposal in your off-post community, call the DPW Sort Office at DSN 466-4967.

Directorate of Human Resources

Holiday Season Postal operating hours

Through Dec. 23: The APO will be open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The CMR will be open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call DSN 466-2887.

Pick up packages at CMR

Due to the Holiday Season, the mail volume has increased. Stop by the CMR and pick up your mail. The storage space at the CMR is limited. The staff at the Community Mail Room would like to wish the community Happy Holidays.

Holiday mailing do's and don'ts

When mailing packages, do not mail soft cheese, meat or plant products such as holiday hams, sausages, flowers, canned vegetables or canned meats. Hard cheese must have a USDA stamp of approval. Kinder Eggs, Ueberraschungsei, cannot be mailed. Tobacco products such as cigarettes and cigars and alcohol also cannot be mailed. When mailing electronic equipment, batteries should be removed before mailing to prevent false alarms. Indicate on the customs form when enclosed articles are for more than one person. The person's name and the value of the article should be listed to prevent the addressee from being charged customs duty tax for exceeding the U.S. daily individual importation limit. The daily limit is \$100 per person and the words "unsolicited gift" must be annotated on the parcel.

Hohenfels Security Office

USAG Hohenfels Security Office operation hours

Operation hours for the USAG Hohenfels Security Office will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will close for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The Hohenfels Security Office is open for fingerprints only on Thursdays.

Directorate of Emergency Services

Fire Department safety message

As the holiday season approaches, the Fire Department is urging you to make safety a factor in holiday decorating. Whether it is careful candle placement or checking the warning label on the holiday lights, simple safety steps can go a long way in preventing fires and injuries this year. The staff at the USAG Hohenfels Fire Department would like to wish the Hohenfels community a Merry Christmas. The following ten safety tips should be used when decorating this year:

Trees and Decorations

- When purchasing an artificial tree look for the label “fire resistant.” Although this label does not mean the tree won’t catch fire, it does indicate that the tree is more resistant to catching fire.
- When purchasing a live tree check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and do not break when bent between your fingers. The bottom of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, do place it away from heat sources such as fireplaces, vents, and radiators. Heated rooms dry out live trees rapidly, so be sure to monitor water levels and keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic, and do not block doorways.
- In homes with small children, take special care to avoid sharp, weighted or breakable decorations, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children who could swallow or inhale small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

Lights

- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory, such as UL or ETL/ITSNA.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Throw out damaged sets. Do not use electric lights on a metallic tree.
- If using an extension cord, make sure it is rated for the intended use.
- When using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure the lights have been certified for outdoor use.

Candles

- Keep burning candles within sight. Extinguish all candles before you go to bed, leave the room or leave the house.
- Keep lighted candles away from items that can catch fire and burn easily, such as trees, other evergreens, decorations, curtains and furniture.

Dining Facilities

Garrison Dining Facility lunch entrees

Dec. 16: Barbecue Spare Ribs, Southern Fried Catfish, Fried Chicken, Pizza and Sandwich Bar.

Dec. 17: Marinated Roast Beef, Roast Pork, Onion Lemon Baked Fish and Potato Bar.

Dec. 18: Meat Loaf, Oven Baked Chicken, Fried Fish, Herbed Baked Fish

Dec. 21-27: The Garrison Dining Facility will be closed and will reopen on Dec. 28.

Warrior Sports Café lunch entrees

Dec. 16: Beef Enchiladas, Chicken Enchiladas, Beef Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas, Mexican Pizza, Mexican Baked Fish.

Dec. 17: Barbecued Chicken, Barbecued Spare Ribs, Baked Chicken, Fried Chicken, Southern Fried Catfish, Baked Catfish.

Dec. 18: Country Style Steak with Pepper Gravy, Grilled Ham Steak, Honey Glazed Cornish Hens, Baked Tuna and Noodles.

Dec. 19: Ginger Pot Roast, Cantonese Spare Ribs, Herbed Baked Fish, Teriyaki Baked Chicken.

Dec. 20: Breaded Pork Chop, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chicken Parmesan, Lemon Baked Fish.

Dec. 21: Grilled Pork Chops with Mushroom Gravy, Veal Parmesan, Beef Stir Steak, Oven Fried Fish.

Dec. 21-27: Brunch will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Supper will be served from 4-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 22: Yankee Pot Roast, Braised Spare Ribs, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mustard-Dill Baked Fish.

Dec. 23: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chicken Parmesan, Parmesan Baked Fish, Veal Steak.

Casino Canteen lunch entrees

Dec. 16: Half Pork Loin with Potato Dumpling and Sauce.

Dec. 17: Schnitzel Day.

Dec. 18: Four Mini Sausages with Sauerkraut and Boiled Potatoes or Baked Fish with Potato Salad.

Dec. 24 to Jan.10: Closed for the holidays.

Mayer's Deutsche Kantine lunch entrees

Dec. 16: Smoked Ham with Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut and Soup.

Dec. 17: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Vegetable and Soup.

Dec. 18: Fish Filet with Potato Salad, Fruit and Soup.

Legal Center

Tax Relief Office hours

Through Jan. 2: The Tax Relief Office is open from 10 a.m. to noon. In case of emergency call DSN 466-4708/2079 for assistance.

Health Clinic

H1N1 vaccine now available for all

The Hohenfels Health Clinic will begin vaccinating the Hohenfels community, medical officials announced today. The H1N1 vaccination is available to everyone on a walk-in basis at the health clinic. Health clinic personnel will be coordinating with school nurses and Child, Youth and School Services to establish days to provide shots at the schools or at events.

Other Health Insurance

If you are a TRICARE beneficiary and you have other health insurance, bring the information to your next appointment.

TRICARE Online, no lines, no waiting

All TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible for TRICARE On-line. TRICARE Online, TOL, allows beneficiaries to book appointments from the comfort of their own home. For more information visit the website www.tricareonline.com.

No-shows

Medical appointments are a place of duty. Every missed appointment costs about \$182, and it prevents another beneficiary from being seen at that specific appointed time. Help the Health Clinic staff improve care to you by showing up to your appointment on time, and canceling when appropriate. Call the Appointments Line at DSN 466-1750 to cancel your appointment, or cancel your appointment when you receive the automated appointment reminder call.

Health Clinic on the Web

Visit the website <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/hohenfels/index.cfm> for updates, online appointments, monthly newsletters, and more. Also, use the "Ask a Doc" Link to e-mail general health questions or clinic issues. The Health Clinic staff will answer in three business days.

Health Clinic offers self care program

The Health Clinic offers a self care program that allows anyone with a valid military ID card, older than 2 years of age and not pregnant to receive over the counter medications. This program allows patients to make their own decisions regarding diagnosis and treatment of health problems to include preventative care by using over the counter (OTC) medications. To take advantage of this program you need to take a number and when your number is called the pharmacist will screen your symptoms and provide you with the appropriate OTC medication. The following symptoms with available treatment at the pharmacy are dry productive cough, sore throat, nasal/chest congestion, sneezing, runny nose, watery eyes, fever, mild body aches and pains, headache, upset stomach, gas, acidic stomach, mild heartburn, mild rash, dry/itchy skin, athlete's foot, jock itch, minor cuts, warts, insect bites, and head lice. Note that if your symptoms do not improve with self treatment within three days or are not resolved within one week, make an appointment with your PCM.

Nurse Advice Line

If you need medical assistance after hours, you can speak with a live Registered Nurse, access the Audio Help Library, and make an appointment. A registered nurse will answer your questions, help get an ambulance, or schedule an appointment for you. The Nurse Advise Line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call toll-free at 0800-4759-2330.

Optometry Reminder

If you wear glasses or contacts remember to bring them to your next optometry appointment.

Pharmacy Reminder

When picking up medication for your child, be prepared to present their current weight.

Education Center

Field study courses offered in Paris, Florence

Through Dec. 18: The University of Maryland University College Europe will be offering two field study courses taking place this January. Impressionism and Post-Impressionism will be held in Paris, France and Renaissance Art will be held in Florence, Italy. Impressionism and Post-Impressionism in Paris will take place from Jan. 9-16 and will provide students with the opportunity to see famous collections from painters such as Edouard Manet while learning about the history and impact of late 19 century art. Throughout the course, students will hear lectures and participate in discussions based on museum visits. Renaissance Art in Florence will take place Jan. 9-16 and includes visits to the world famous museums and churches of Florence, allowing for a close study of Renaissance art and architecture. Students will stay in Florence and take day trips to Siena and San Gimignano, and learn

about great masters including Botticelli, Michelangelo and da Vinci. The registration deadline for both courses is Dec. 18. For more information contact a UMUC field representative, visit www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy, or contact UMUC Europe at DSN 314-370-6762, or by email at edfieldsty@ed.umuc.edu.

Testing services, Hohenfels Education Center

Dec. 21: The DLAB will be given at 9 a.m. You must have a DA Form 4187 signed by the commander.

Jan. 6: The ACT will be given at 8:30 a.m. The initial test is free for the military. This test usually takes six to eight weeks to get the results back. The tests at the Education Center are primarily for entrance into the officer candidate programs. High School students need to contact the Hohenfels High School for National Test Dates for the SAT and the ACT.

Jan. 13: The DLAB will be given at 9 a.m. You must have a DA Form 4187 signed by the commander.

Jan. 20: The AFAST will be given at 9 a.m. You must have a GT of at least 110 and a DA Form 4187. For more information call Bobbi Jensen at DSN 466-4040. The Testing Services are offered in Bldg. 351.

Introduction to Automotive Technology

Jan. 4-15: Central Texas College is offering AUMT 1405: Introduction to Automotive Technology. The course is an introduction to the automotive industry including automotive history safety practices, shop equipment and tools, vehicle subsystems, service publications, fasteners, professional responsibilities, and automotive maintenance. The class will be held from Jan. 18 through March 12 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6-10 p.m. Registration is from Jan. 4-15. For more information contact the Hohenfels Central Texas College field representative at the education center at DSN 466-3140.

Introductory German course offered through UMUC

Jan. 4-17: Increase your marketability, raise your cultural awareness, and enhance your communication with the world. Learn the basics of the German language with Elementary German I, an introductory three-credit course offered by University of Maryland University College Europe. The course dates are Jan. 19-March 11. Interested individuals should contact the Hohenfels field representative at DSN 466-4106 or register online at www.ed.umuc.edu. Registration begins Jan. 4.

Army Education Test Center new hours

Monday: The Test Center is open from 8-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: The Test Center is open from 8-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: The Test Center is open from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4:30 p.m.

Fewer testing hours are now available with the change of hours. Exams and Army Personnel Tests should be scheduled in advance. For more information call Bobbi Jensen at DSN 466-4040.

Operating hours for Army Education Center

The Army Education Center and Army Learning Center, Bldg. 351, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Army Learning Center and Computer Lab will be open Monday through Thursday from noon to 4:30 p.m. The Education Center is closed on Federal Holidays. For more information call Crystal Newman at DSN 466-2882.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools

Child Find Developmental Screenings

Dec. 16: If you have a child from 3-5 years of age and have concerns about their skills in any of these five areas; speech and language, personal/social, motor, cognitive, and self/help-adaptive, contact your

local Child Find representative. If your child is birth to 3 years of age call EDIS at DSN 476-3321. If your child is 3-5 years of age call the Hohenfels Elementary School at DSN 466-2829. Brochures about Child Find may be picked up at the Hohenfels Elementary School. Child Find dates for the 2009/2010 School Year are Dec. 16, Jan.13, Feb. 17, March 17 and May 12.

Veterinary Clinic

Hohenfels Vet Clinic special openings and closure dates

Dec. 23: Technician Clinics will be held during regular hours by appointment only. For more information or to schedule appointments call DSN 466-4560.

Hohenfels Vet Clinic operation hours

For December, The Hohenfels Veterinary Clinic will be open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. The Vet Clinic is closed Thursday mornings for Training, the last working day of the month for Inventory, USAREUR Training Holidays, and Federal Holidays. For more information call DSN 466-4560.

American Red Cross

Holiday Gift Wrap fundraiser

Through Dec. 24: The American Red Cross is sponsoring the annual Holiday Gift Wrap at the Hohenfels Main Exchange. The hours of the booth will be in conjunction with the AAFES Main Exchange operating hours. A nominal donation amount is suggested in order for the gifts to be wrapped. Private organizations, units and FRG groups will man the booth and divide the donations among themselves. The American Red Cross receives a percentage for functioning as the sponsor and administrator. Shorten your to-do-list and support your local community by having your gifts wrapped at the booth. Stop by the Red Cross office, Bldg. 10, if your unit, club or organizations has not signed-up and would like to.

Attend new volunteer orientation

Wednesdays: Anyone interested in volunteering with Red Cross is required to attend the one-hour new volunteer orientation, which is given most Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. at the Red Cross office in Bldg. 10. For more information call DSN 466-1760.

Buy Afghans year round

Afghans featuring scenes from Hohenfels, Grafenwoehr and Vilseck make great welcome and farewell gifts. The Afghans are for sale year year-round in the Red Cross office. Several hunter green Afghans currently are available, and Afghans in cranberry red, navy blue and chocolate brown will be available in the next few days. The Afghans are \$45 each or three or more for \$40 each. Go to the Red Cross office in Bldg. 10 to buy yours.

Initiating emergency messages

Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, U.S. contractors and family members in need of an emergency message should call American Red Cross in Germany to initiate the message. You do not have to wait for family in the United States to call Red Cross, and you do not have to call Red Cross in the U.S. Call Hohenfels Red Cross at any time, day or night, at DSN 466-1760. After regular duty hours, the phone is forwarded to the after-hours service at Stuttgart Red Cross. To call Stuttgart directly after regular duty hours only, call DSN 431-2334 or commercial 07031-15-2334.

KONTAKT Club

KONTAKT Club Hohenfels

Dec 20: Night trip to the romantic Regensburg Christmas Market at the Thurn and Taxis Castle. Meet at 4 p.m., at the Hohenfels Schiessstattkapelle in the village of Hohenfels. The Schiessstattkapelle is the little church on the left as you enter Hohenfels from the direction of Gate 1. Expected return is around 9 p.m. The cost is 5.50 euro per person for admission into the market. Bus transportation is provided, but seats are limited. For reservations call Andy Kirschenbauer at 0176-80003950.

Jan 6: Monthly bowling night at Lane 17 from 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

The KONTAKT Club is a German-American friendship organization, sponsored by the U.S. Army that includes Soldiers, families, and other Americans supporting USAG Hohenfels, and German citizens from the surrounding communities. The Hohenfels community is invited to participate in the Club's upcoming activities. For more information or directions to the events call the Public Affairs Office at DSN 466-2457, or visit the club's website at www.kontaktclub-hohenfels.org.

Job Opportunities

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

U.S. Vacancy Announcements: Illustrator, YA-1020-01, U.S. Army JMRC, S3 Plans/Ops/Training, Hohenfels, Germany, full-time permanent. Supply Specialist, YA-2001-02, Theater Logistics Support Center, Ammunition Center, Ammo Supply Point 2, Hohenfels, Germany, full-time permanent. Electronic Tax Filing Technician (OA), YB-0303-01, 7A JMTC MSN SPT Element-Grafenwoehr, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Grafenwoehr Legal Center, Hohenfels Law Office, Hohenfels, Germany, Temporary Position not to exceed Sept. 30, 2010, full-time.

Local National Vacancy Announcements: Supervisory Electrical Engineer / Aufsichtf, Elektroingenieur/in, permanent position, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, USAG Hohenfels, Directorate of Public Works, Operations and Maintenance Division, Electrical Branch, C1-850-7a.

To view the vacancy announcements for Hohenfels visit the website <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index/htm>.

Raytheon has variety of positions open

Raytheon is accepting resumes for a variety of positions in the Hohenfels and Grafenwoehr Communities. If you will soon be separating from the military, or have military experience and a background in Electronics or Communications Technician, or if you're a family member with a flexible schedule, the staff at Raytheon would like to talk with you about the opportunities available with Raytheon. Current job openings for family members are Access Control and Repair Technicians. Email your resume to Temeka Cochran at cochran@cmtec-is.com.

Hohenfels Commissary

DeCA Scholarships for Military children

Through Feb. 18: The 2010 DeCA scholarships for military children are open for dependent unmarried children age 23 and younger of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military. Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university in the fall term of 2010. Applications can be picked up at your local commissary or at www.militaryscholar.org and should be hand delivered to your local commissary.

Gift vouchers available at Hohenfels Commissary

The Hohenfels Commissary is now offering gift vouchers available in \$25 denominations. Anyone may purchase gift vouchers, however only commissary authorized patrons may redeem them. Vouchers are available at commissary Customer Service Areas. There are no additional fees added to the cost of purchasing or redeeming the voucher. The vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash. DeCA is not responsible for lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated vouchers. DeCA Commissaries have the right to refuse any voucher that appears to be altered, copied, or if the serial number is unreadable or missing.

Hohenfels Commissary regular operating hours

| | Early Bird, self check-out | Regular check-out |
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| Mondays | Closed | Closed |
| Tuesdays | 9-10 a.m. | 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Wednesdays | 10-11 a.m. | 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Thursdays | 9-10 a.m. | 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. |
| Fridays | 9-10 a.m. | 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Saturdays | No Early Bird | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| Sundays | No Early Bird | 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. |

Hohenfels Community and Spouse's Club

Tacky Christmas Sweater contest

Dec. 16: Hohenfels Community and Spouse's Club invites the Hohenfels community to come dressed in your tackiest Christmas outfit for a chance to win a prize. The event will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CAC. The cost is \$12 to eat. If you would like to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, wrap something up from your house that you're willing to re-gift and bring it to the event. For more information call 09492-907215.

Thrift Shop Hours

Through Mar. 31: Thrift Shop operating hours has changed to the winter hours. Operating hours are now from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with consignments closing at 1:30 p.m. Plan accordingly. For more information stop by Bldg. 344 or call Tracey Norrell, manager, at DSN 466-2798.

Volunteer Opportunities at HCSC Thrift Shop

Volunteering has lots of advantages and some of the advantages are at your HCSC Thrift Shop. Volunteers at the Thrift Shop get first choice on treasures that come through the shop and 50 percent on any TSP item each day you volunteer for one hour. Volunteering is also a great way to meet the community. Child care is free for every hour of child care up to 20 hours a month. Stop by the Thrift Shop and ask how you can start helping today.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Friends of Bill W.

Every Thursday: Friends of Bill W. will be meeting in Bldg. 1221, Camp Albertshof at 6:30 p.m. Have you been having a wild time and you feel it may be getting out of hand? Do you experience feeling all alone even while being in a crowd? Is the magic of a drink starting to wear off? The Friends of Bill W. may be able to help. Bring yourself and questions and you will be welcomed.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting

Jan. 12: The Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at the Post Theater at 5:30 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. For questions contact Rufus Allen at foxx@allenr.de.

Fitness Classes

Fitness Classes offered at Elementary School

Monday: Zumba at 4 p.m.

Tuesday: Body Toning at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Zumba at 4 p.m.

Thursday: Body Toning at 3:30 p.m.

Friday: Zumba at 4 p.m.

The community is invited to participate in the Fitness Classes offered for free at the Elementary School in the Multi-purpose Room, MPR. For questions about the classes contact Kathi Martin at martink@eu.dodea.edu.

AAFES

Hohenfels Movie Theater

Dec. 17: Fame, 7 p.m. (PG).

Dec. 18: Armored, 6:30 p.m. (PG-13).

Pandorum, 9:30 p.m. (R).

Dec. 19: The Twilight Saga: New Moon, 7 p.m. (PG).

Dec. 20: Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs, 4 p.m. (PG).

Couples Retreat, 7 p.m. (PG-13).

For more information about the movie schedule visit the website

www.aafes.com/ems/euro/hohenfels.htm.

AAFES Shuttle Program brings goods to Hohenfels

Customers can take advantage of the AAFES Shuttle Program to have items shipped to the PX from other stores in the area when a customer prepares a special order at the PX customer service counter. The shuttle from Grafenwoehr and Vilseck comes once a week. If the requested item is outside the Grafenwoehr/Vilseck area it will have to be transferred through Giessen and will take longer to arrive. There is not a transportation cost to the customer.

Closures during the Holiday Season

Post Gym closure

Dec. 17: The Post Gym, Bldg. 88, will close at 3:30 p.m. in support of the USAREUR Band Holiday Concert. The concert is free of charge and will begin at 6 p.m. The community is invited to come and enjoy the show.

Hohenfels food court closure

Dec. 17: The Hohenfels Food Court will close at 6 p.m. for the annual Christmas party.

Property Book office closure

Dec. 17: The Property Book office will be closed from noon to 4 p.m. for the annual Christmas party.

HNLFOA Maintenance Branch closure

Dec. 18: The Customer Service Team Hohenfels, Bldg. 36, and the POV Inspection Station in Bldg. 392A will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a Christmas Party. For more information call DSN 466-4916.

Customs Office closure

Dec. 18: The U.S. Forces Customs Office Hohenfels will be closed for its annual Christmas party. Normal business will resume on Dec. 21. The U.S. Forces Customs Office Hohenfels is located in Bldg. 10, Room 118. To speak with someone in the Hohenfels Customs Office call DSN 466-2745/2012/2042. Normal office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m., with walk-ins until 3:30 p.m. The Hohenfels Customs Office is closed on U.S. Holidays. The military customs investigators are located in Bldg. 1189 and can be reached by calling DSN 466-4350.

Self Help closure

Dec. 18: Open from 9 a.m. to noon. Closed in the afternoon.

Dec. 24-26: Closed.

Thrift Shop closure

Dec. 18-Jan. 4: The Hohenfels Community and Spouse's Club Thrift Shop will be closed for the Christmas Holiday Season. There will not be any Saturday Shopping in Jan. 2010. Saturday Shopping will restart in February 2010.

Hohenfels Commissary closure and openings

Dec. 21, 28: The Hohenfels Commissary will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 25: The Hohenfels Commissary will be closed for Christmas Day.

Dec. 31: The Hohenfels Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jan. 1: The Hohenfels Commissary will be closed for New Years Day.

APO, CMR, Official Mail Room closure

Dec. 23: The APO, CMR, and Official Mail Room will close at 2 p.m. for the annual Christmas party. Normal APO and Official Mail Room customer service hours will resume on Dec. 28. Normal customer service hours for the CMR will resume on Dec. 24. For more information call Walter Knight at DSN 466-2887.

Hohenfels Health Clinic closure

Dec. 24: Closed for a Training Holiday.

Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas.

Dec. 31: Closed for a Training Holiday.

Jan. 1: Closed for New Year's Day.

Legal Office closure

Dec. 24-27: The Legal Office will be closed. For more information call DSN 466-2401.

Dec. 31-Jan. 3: The Legal Office will be closed. For more information call DSN 466-2401.

Sort Facility closure

Dec. 24: 7 a.m. to noon.

Dec. 25: Closed.

Dec. 26: Closed.

Dec. 31: 7 a.m. to noon.

Jan. 1: Closed.

Jan. 6: Closed.

Community Bank closure

Dec. 24-26: Closed.

Dec. 31: Open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Jan. 1: Closed.

Jan. 6: Closed.

For more information call DSN 466-2856.

Off Post

Construction in Parsberg

Through Dec. 17: A new traffic circle will be built behind the railway bridge next to the Edeka and Netto stores in Parsberg. The plan is to have two traffic circles; one on each side of the RR bridge. The road Staatsstrasse 2234 Dietfurt, Parsberg, Hohenfels will be blocked off for construction. Follow the detour signs.

Local Christmas Markets

Through Dec. 23: Christmas market in Regensburg at the Neupfarrplatz, open Sunday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Every Wednesday Santa Claus visits the Regensburg Christmas Market and will give sweets to the children and the merry-go-round will have reduced prices. For more information visit the website in English at www.christkindlmarkt-regensburg.de/index.php?newlang=en.

Through Dec. 23: The Romantic Christmas Market at the Thurn und Taxis Castle in Regensburg is open Sunday to Wednesday from noon to 10 p.m., and Thursday to Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. Entry prices for adults are 4 Euro Monday to Thursday, Friday is 4.50 Euro, Saturday is 5 Euro and Sunday is 5.50 Euro. Entry prices for children ages 6-16 are always 1 Euro. The Romantic Christmas Market at the Thurn und Taxis Castle in Regensburg is within five minutes walking distance of the main train station and city center. Parking is possible in the neighboring old town park houses. The entrance is located at the east side of the castle on Petersweg about 50 meters from Emmeramsplatz. For more information visit the website www.thurnundtaxis.de/en/events/christmas-market.html.

Through Dec. 23: The Lucrezia Market (Christmas Arts and Crafts Market) in Regensburg is held at the Haidplatz and Kohlenmarkt and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information visit the website in English at www.lucrezia-markt.de/en/index.html.

Through Dec. 24: Christmas Market will be held in Munich. Opening times are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Through Dec. 24: The Christmas Market in Nuremberg is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information visit the website www.christkindlesmarkt.de/english/index.php?navi=1&rid=2.

Dec. 17-20: The Romantic Christmas Market held at the Hexenagger Castle. For more information visit the website www.schloss-hexenagger.de/international.html.

Dec. 19-20: A Christmas Market will be held in Fichten on all four weekends before Christmas. The Christmas Market opens on Saturday at 3 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Inside the cozy barn you will find fresh advent wreaths, Christmas bouquets, a gift shop with handcrafted items, enjoy Feuerzangenbowle, mulled wine and food around the barn fire. On Dec. 13 a Line Dance Group from Hohenfels will perform at 4 p.m. On Dec. 19 the Hohenfels kindergarden children will sing Christmas songs at 2 p.m. and on Dec. 20 a raffle will take place at 4:30 p.m. The address for the Christmas Market is Fichten 2, 92366 Hohenfels.

A list of romantic Christmas markets can be found at www.weihnachtsmarkt-deutschland.de/2008/romantischer-markt.html.

Road closure between Rohrbach and Dietldorf

Through Dec. 18: The road between Rohrbach and Dietldorf will be completely closed due to construction. Detour signs will be posted. It is recommended that if traveling to Grafenwoehr during this time that you drive through Schmidmuehlen.

Hohenfels Brass Band

Dec. 26: Kolping-Jugendblaskapelle, a Brass Band, will play at 5 p.m. at the Church in Hohenfels. For more information visit the website www.kolping-hohenfels.de/.

Big Flea Market in Neumarkt

Jan. 2: The Neumarkter Flohmarkt will take place at Jurahalle and the Volksfestplatz in Neumarkt from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Flea Market offers a variety of used things such as antiques, old collectibles and typical Bavarian items. Inside the Jurahalle you will find over 100 vendors and outside will be another 100 to 200 additional vendors. Food, including the famous Bavarian Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, and drinks will be sold. If you would like to sell items email anfrage@neumarkter-flohmarkt.de. Selling unwanted or items that are no longer needed at the flea market is an entertaining way to spend your Saturday while also making money.

Swimming lessons for children ages 6 and older

Jan. 8: The lessons will be held on Fridays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The cost is 63 Euro for 12 classes. 18 children will be allowed in the class. Swimming lessons will be offered at the Hallenbad Parsberg swimming pool for children 6 years of age and older. For more information contact Claudia Zeller at CZeller@vhs-neumarkt.de.

Kingdom of God Prophetic Ministries

The Kingdom of God Prophetic Ministries hosts weekly worship services at Alleeweg 2, 92355 Velburg. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. and Sunday Worship Service follows at 11:30 a.m. Bible study is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Men's ministry meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Women's ministry meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact the church at kingdomofgodpropheticministries@yahoo.com.

Pianist and guitarist for Kingdom of God Prophetic Ministries

A Keyboard/Pianist and guitarist is wanted by the Kingdom of God Prophetic Ministries. If you are interested contact the church at kingdomofgodpropheticministries@yahoo.com.

Nuremberg Fortress, Kaiserburg tour

The fortress rises to the north of the old town of Nuremberg at an altitude of 351 m/1,152 feet long by 50 m/165 feet across. The German kings and emperors from 1050 to 1571 resided in the castle and many imperial diets were held at the fortress. Located at the lower end are the old imperial stables, Kaiserstallung, which were built in 1495 as a granary and is now occupied by a youth hostel. Immediately west is the Pentagonal Tower, the oldest bldg. in the town and a relic of an earlier castle on the site. Higher up is the Kaiserburg, the Imperial Castle, which was built in the 11 century and was altered in later centuries with the Sinwell Tower and the Deep Well. The castle has a number of fine rooms, including the 12 century chapel and contains some notable works of art. Opening hours are daily from April to September from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and October to March from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Historische Lochgefaengnisse, Medieval Dungeons

The Nuremberg Medieval Dungeons are located near the Hauptmarkt, the main market square, on Rathausplatz 2, underneath the Rathaus in the city's Town Hall. The Medieval Dungeons of Nuremberg date back to the 14 century. The Medieval Dungeons consist of 12 cells in which they used to hold the prisoners waiting for their trial or an execution, and a torture chamber larger than the cells. There is a guided tour available which lasts about 20 minutes. The tour will show you all of the cells and you will hear the stories of the prisoners and what all happened to them during their stay in the dungeon. You must sign-up for to attend the tour. For more information about Nuremberg visit the website <http://wikitravel.org/en/Nuremberg>.

Felsenkeller, Labyrinth

The Felsenkeller, Labyrinth is a cave located in Schwandorf. Cost is eight euro for adults and six euro for kids. Family tickets are offered for 20 euro. For more information visit the website www.schwandorf.de.

Woelpi Spielfabrik

This indoor playground is located in Neumarkt. The indoor playground offers a variety of indoor playground equipment and also has an outdoor put-put golf course. The playground is located at Eggenstraße, 17a, 92318 Neumarkt. For more information call 09181-2651310 or visit the website www.woelpiland.de.

Army to separate Soldiers who don't extend to deploy

Soldiers who don't agree to extend their enlistments in units slated to deploy on or after Jan. 1 may be involuntarily separated up to three months early.

The new Enlisted Involuntary Early Separation Program will affect active-duty Soldiers scheduled to separate during the first six months of their unit's deployment. These Soldiers will be asked to re-enlist or extend so they can stay with their unit through its full deployment and two months after returning.

Soldiers who participate in the Deployment Extension Incentive Program will receive an extra \$350 or \$500 for every month extended. (Those who extend at least six months before deploying will receive the full \$500 per month.)

Those who don't re-enlist or extend will not deploy and will be separated up to three months prior to their contractual separation date, according to Maj. Jennifer Walkawicz, personnel policy integrator, G1.

The involuntary separation program applies only to regular Army enlisted Soldiers with more than 36 months of active service and less than 71 months of total service, Walkawicz said, when they have an ending term-of-service date during their unit's first six months of deployment.

Soldiers with an ETS date occurring during the last six months of their unit's deployment will still deploy and simply return early to out-process if they choose not to re-enlist or extend, she said.

Walkawicz estimated that EIESP will result in 1,350 to 1,450 Soldiers being separated early with an annual cost savings of about \$8.5 million.

"The Army is implementing this program now as part of the Stop Loss Reduction plan," she said, explaining that the Stop Loss program will be phased out beginning Jan. 1, in favor of voluntary extensions or early separation.

"This program allows the Army to identify Soldiers preparing to ETS who will not deploy with the unit, then provide replacements for those Soldiers prior to the unit's deployment date," Walkawicz said.

She said the new guidance will ensure ample time for newly reporting Soldiers to train on individual and collective tasks and settle in their families. She said those Soldiers who have decided to leave the Army are generally first-term enlistees and will not lose any entitlements.

She also said Soldiers who chose not to re-enlist or extend for the deployment duration and are separated will retain all rights, privileges and benefits such as the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. However, EIESP Soldiers will not be entitled to pay and allowances for the period not served.

The involuntary early separation does not apply to Soldiers facing courts-martial or under investigation for Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses.

The Army has mandated battalion commanders notify affected Soldiers at least 90 days prior to their adjusted date of separation. Due to the 90-day written notice requirement, Human Resources Command will phase in the EISP.

As the program is phased in, Soldiers with an ETS between April 1-30 will be separated one month earlier, Walkawicz said. Soldiers with an ETS between May 1-31 will be involuntarily separated two months earlier than their ETS; and Soldiers whose ETS is on or after June 1 will be separated three months earlier than their contract stipulates, she said.

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